

On reading the Governors Speech the Second time Ordered that  
M:<sup>r</sup> Murdock Col.<sup>o</sup> Tilghman M:<sup>r</sup> Hammond M:<sup>r</sup> Wilson M:<sup>r</sup> J. L. H. J.  
Hollyday M:<sup>r</sup> J. Hall of Annapolis and M:<sup>r</sup> Wolstenholme do Pre- Liber No. 52  
pare and bring in an Address in Answer thereto May 9

Ordered that the following Rules be Observed as such during  
this Session Viz:<sup>t</sup>

1:<sup>st</sup> That no Member of the House shall use any reviling Speeches  
or Name any Member by his Proper Name otherwise than for Dis-  
tinctions Sake, but shall rather use some other Signification as the  
Gentleman that Spoke last or the like

2:<sup>d</sup> That no Member Speak above Once upon any Debate without  
Licence of the House declared by the Speaker and if two Persons  
shall rise up together the Speaker shall Appoint who shall Speak  
first and no Member shall Interrupt any other until the Gentleman  
Speaking hath ended

3:<sup>d</sup> That none shall deliver his Opinion or Speak to any Bill or  
Debate unless he shall stand up and reverently direct his Speech to  
the Speaker

4:<sup>th</sup> That every Bill Proposed by the House shall be read two  
several Days before it is sent to the Upper House and once after  
before it be Ingrossed and that between every reading One day  
shall be intermitted and that in that time the Bill be laid on the  
Table for the Perusal of all the Members unless on very Urgent  
Occasions M:<sup>r</sup> Speaker with the Consent of the House shall Dispense p. 360  
therewith and then One Bill being read twice at One Sitting shall  
be as Sufficient as if read several Days when so entered in the  
Clerks Journal

5:<sup>th</sup> That No Person come into the House of Assembly while the  
same is Sitting with Sword or other Weapon upon Penalty of such  
fine as shall be imposed on them by the Speaker not exceeding five  
Shillings for any One Offence

6:<sup>th</sup> That if any Member Bound to Attend this Assembly shall be  
Absent at the Hours and Place Appointed after the Number of  
twelve of the Members with the Speaker are met According to the  
Order for sitting shall be fined according to the Discretion of the  
Speaker not exceeding five Shillings for any Offence unless upon  
lawfull Excuse as the Speaker shall Admit of

7:<sup>th</sup> That all Misdemeanors which shall happen in the House  
shall be Censured and fined in the House

8:<sup>th</sup> That no Bill shall be read at any time during this Session  
till all the Members in Town be called in except on some excuse to  
be Admitted by the Speaker

9:<sup>th</sup> That if any Member of this House do depart without leave  
from the Honourable Speaker and the House, such Member shall  
forfeit all his Preceding Allowances due to him for his Attendance  
that Session